reduction in cost of construction, use of substitute materials, speedier construction, processes and improved sanitation and drainage.

(c) and (d) Housing is a State subject and financial assistance of States/UTs is given by the Union Government in the shape of block loans and block grants without being tied up to any particular head of development or scheme.

**Development of Gurgoan town under NCR Plan**

3262. SHRI M. P. KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made for the development of facilities like telephone, transport, housing etc. in Gurgaon during the Seventh Five Year Plan under NCR Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) An integrated plan for the National Capital Region in respect of transport, communication, railways etc. is under preparation by the National Capital Region Planning Board.

(b) Does not arise.

**Renting of houses in Old Delhi by the Delhi Development Authority**

3263. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of the Delhi Development Authority houses given on rent to persons in walled city (Old Delhi):

(b) whether it is a fact that these tenants have now been issued receipt in respect of rent paid by them and have started treating them as licencee instead of tenants; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) by when these tenants are proposed to be issued rent receipt and if not what are reasons therefor; and

(d) whether these tenants are proposed to be removed under Jhuggi-Jhopri Scheme, if so, what are the details of such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) 1,860.

(b) and (c) The tenants of these properties are paying a nominal licence fee/rent to D.D.A. on receipt of representations from the tenants, the D.D.A. has now decided to incorporate the word "licence fee/rent" in the receipts being issued by the Slum Deptt. of the D.D.A. The words used as licence or rent are to be treated on par for the purpose of alternative allotment in case of any shifting operation.

(d) No, Sir, there is no such proposal.

**Drinking water facility in Himachal Pradesh**

3264. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have released a sum of Rs. 2500 lakhs for Himachal Pradesh during the period 1980-85 for providing drinking water under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and other new incentive schemes;

(b) if so, what are the details of the utilisation of the above mentioned amount by the State Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is still scarcity of drinking water in the rural areas of districts Kangra, Una and Hamirpur of Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) what steps the Central Government propose to take for providing drinking water to these rural areas of Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) During the Sixth Plan a